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Wilbur responds to questions over medical supplies

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Under questioning for almost an hour at the School Committee's April 14th meeting, Athletic Director and teacher Dave Wilbur acknowledged that problems in ordering medical supplies from California-based American Data Products turned out to be a problem that kept building, with orders coming and coming and prices quoted over the telephone ending up higher than what he thought was originally quoted by the company agent with whom he spoke.

Wilbur, who is on a paid leave of absence, was recently charged by the District Attorney's Office with two counts of child rape and one count of indecent assault and battery. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

Also present for the meeting were former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alfred Sylvia who is on paid leave until May, High School Principal Daniel Carmody, Assistant Principal Charles Capparelli, and Athletic Department Bookkeeper Marjorie Gonyea. With the exception of Gonyea, all were questioned on any information they could provide on the issue.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Palermo reviewed and updated his and Business Manager Sue Pierce's internal investigation on the ordering. Palermo explained that over the last two years, there have been no purchase orders used in the athletic department. "That has all changed since March 18, 1993," he said, "and all purchases now must be signed by the Superintendent."

Palermo said several FY '93 budget line items for some sports have been depleted and over expended. "The major concern," he said, "is with expenditures for medical supplies. Two thousand, three-hundred and forty-five dollars was budgeted for medical supplies; $23,741 has been expended and an additional $14,699 in purchases have not been paid and we are in the process of returning those items.

"A major concern also is in the prices charged by American Data Products," Palermo said. "Ice packs were quoted on invoices at $3.88 and a comparison price at another company (Micro-Bio) shows a selling price of 44 cents. Athletic tape sold by ADP at $11.12 per roll shows a price of $1.00 per roll from Micro-Bio, which also reflects a bigger roll than ADA offers."

A sum of $36,148 for medical supplies was spent. "An estimate cost from another source indicates the items could have been purchased at $3,628 or at a savings of $32,519," Palermo said. "On two different occasions, more was spent on one day than the Uniform Procurement Act (M.G.L.Ch.30b) allows. On two different occasions, monies were spent over the $10,000 limit that requires going to a bidding process. The athletic department," he continued, "looks like it was getting free gratuities such as in November a free TV was received. In February 1993, a VCR was received free and an additional TV was received in March, 1993."

Palermo closed his remarks by referring to a memo to the School Committee dated April 12, 1993 in which he indicated that last Friday evening High School Principal Dan Carmody received a call from Wilbur indicating that he had some items at his house that could be picked up. The items were picked up and delivered to the High School. "Myself, Business Manager Sue Pierce and School Committee member Jane Pojani opened the three boxes," Palermo explained, "and found one VCR, a telephone answering machine and one TV camcorder. An additional box was delivered by Mr. Frank Morrill that came from Mr. Wilbur's father's house which included another TV set."

School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty began the questioning by telling each person present that it was their option to answer or not answer the questions put before them.

Wilbur was the lead off person to be questioned. Hanratty asked him how it came about that he did business with American Data Products.

Wilbur said he was contacted by telephone by a person from
American Data Products some time in early December of 1991.

"What items were offered?" Hanratty asked.

"A whole range," Wilbur replied. "Ice packs at 46.5 cents apiece, if bought in bulk. Other items were not discussed."

Hanratty asked, "How were items bought before contact from ADP? Did you check local distributors?"

Wilbur, "We paid 69 cents per ice pack. I went to Dr. Sylvia and told him we had a possibility of buying in bulk."

"How did you order in previous years?" Hanratty asked.

"Items were ordered in quantities that were used in the past," Wilbur said.

Hanratty: "What has been the process for

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Finalists announced for principal's position

MILLBURY - The Screening Committee to choose candidates to be interviewed for the position of High School Principal to replace retiring principal Daniel Carmody has selected three finalists:

Rosemarie Bonner, Principal, White Brook Middle School, Easthampton, MA; Dr. Michael Jones, Assistant Principal, Algonquin Regional High School, Northborough, MA; Stephen Mills, Director, Alternative Program, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA.

The three finalists will be interviewed by the School Committee in early May at their regular meeting. None of the candidates live in the town of their employment. All will be considered on an equal basis.

Voters in Millbury and Sutton head to the polls

MILLBURY/SUTTON - Sutton voters will cast their ballots on Saturday, April 24, for the following:

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN (two, three-year seats), Wallace E. Johnson, incumbent; David Strieby, incumbent; James Gvazdauskas; Douglas Wentworth.
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE (one, three-year seat), Linda Roach, incumbent; Neil Newton.
- PLANNING BOARD (one, three-year seat), Robert Largess
- LIBRARY TRUSTEE (one, three-year seat), Lester Aldrich, incumbent
- RECREATION COMMISSION, (two, three year seats)
- HOUSING AUTHORITY (one, five year seat), Rita Shaw.

In addition, Sutton voters will be asked:

Question #1: "Shall the Town of Sutton be allowed to assess an additional $20,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of a Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion in order to paint, and make repairs to the exterior of the Sutton Town Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993?"

Question #2: "Shall the Town of Sutton be allowed to assess an additional $30,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of a Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion in order to purchase two (2) police cruisers for the Sutton Police Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993?"

Question #3: "Shall the Town of Sutton be allowed to assess an additional $84,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes

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Obituaries

George C. Blanchard

MILLBURY - George C. Blanchard, 67, of 107 Grafton Street, died April 12th in the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts - Memorial, Worcester, after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 45 years, Evelyn H. (Carpenter) Blanchard; a daughter, Sheila Blanchard Stokowski of Millbury; a granddaughter, Kristen M. Stokowski of Millbury; a sister, Alice B. Richmond of Shrewsbury; and two nieces. He was born in Millbury, son of the late George C. and Alice (Campbell) Blanchard, and lived here for most of his life. He graduated from Millbury High School in 1943. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Asian-Pacific Theater of Operations. While serving aboard the U.S.S. Guest, a destroyer, he participated in the Aleutian Islands Campaign and earned seven Battle Stars.

Mr. Blanchard was the owner and vice president of the former Millbury Engineering, Inc., a company founded by his father. He worked for the company for 45 years, retiring in 1991. He was also a gunsmith and owned and operated the former George's Guns & Ammo for many years.

Mr. Blanchard was a member of St. Brigid's Parish. He was a member of Dudley-Gendron Post 414, American Legion, in Sutton and a life member of Charles F. Minney Post 3329, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Singletary Rod and Gun Club, Inc., of Oxford, the South Barre Rod and Gun Club, and the National Rifle Association. He was a life member of the Hardwick Rod and Gun Club and the Millbury Chapter of the Black Patch Muzzle Loaders, Inc. He was a sustaining member of the Gun Owners Action League of Southborough.

The funeral was held April 15th from Turgeon Funeral Home, Inc., 64 Main Street. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church and burial followed in the parish cemetery. Dudley-Gendron Post, American Legion, provided an Honor Guard during calling hours.

Robert T. Duplisea

OAKLAND, ME - Robert T. Duplisea, 77, formerly of Millbury, died April 11 at his Rices Ripps residence following a long illness.

He is survived by his wife Ruth (Morton) Duplisea, whom he married in 1946; two daughters and sons-in-law, Roberta and Fred Pullen of Oakland and Elizabeth and Norman Haluszka of Feeding Hills, MA; a brother, Walter Duplisea of Solon, ME; a sister Nathalie Brown of Rochester, NH; two grandsons, Robert and David Pullen of Oakland. He was born in Anson, Maine, July 16, 1915, son of George and Susan (Barron) Duplisea. He attended the Goodwill-Hinckley School and graduated from Madison High School in 1934.

Mr. Duplisea was an Army veteran of WWII, serving as a driver for the 637th tank destroyer battalion in the Pacific Theatre, through New Zealand, Fiji, Bougainvillea in the Solomon Islands and Luzon in the Philippines, ahead of General MacArthur. He received a commendation for outstanding service, received the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a bronze star.

He was employed by the Shuster Woolen Company in Millbury from 1934 until 1947. In 1947, he began employment with Morgan Construction Co. in Worcester, retiring as supervisor in 1977.

He was a long-time resident of Millbury where he was a member of the First Congregational Church and the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge. Mr. Duplisea returned to Maine in 1986. He was a member of the Bourque-Lanagan Post American Legion of Waterville and attended the Oakland-Sidney United Methodist Church in Oakland.

Funeral services were held April 14 at the Oakland-Sidney United Methodist Church. Following cremation, burial will be in the Brown's Head Cemetery on Vinalhaven. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oakland-Sidney United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, c/o Mrs. Arlene Meader RR#2, Box 3970, Oakland, Maine 04963.

Arthur G. Baillargeon

MILLBURY - Arthur G. Baillargeon, 80, of 4 Washington Street, died April 7th in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after an illness.

He leaves a sister, Ruth C. Filosa, with whom he lived, and an aunt, Loretta Baillargeon of Worcester. He was born in Millbury, son of the late George and Josephine E. (King) Baillargeon, and lived here all of his life.

Mr. Baillargeon was a baker for 25 years at the former Svea Baking Co. in Millbury and in Worcester, retiring in 1977. Previously, he was a mill worker for many years at the former Millbury Spinning Co.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

The funeral was held April 13th from Turgeon Funeral Home, Inc., 64 Main Street. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption Church and burial followed in Central Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 14 Waters Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Another Point of View

Is It A Purgatory Or Is It A Chasm?

By Lawrence Moore

No doubt Purgatory Chasm is Sutton's primary tourist asset. Most accept it as rocks to climb, a place for kids to play, a curiosity or a natural wonder to show proudly to visitors. Most have long since ceased to care about how it got its name or to wonder how it was formed.

Purgatory is certainly considered by some to be a hellish place, and therefore properly named. Its two word name, however, is not a combination of an adjective and a noun but rather a fusion of two nouns, one of which is used as an adjective, as for example, in steam boat.

There is a geological formation called a purgatory and a geological formation called a chasm. They may be present

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buying items in the past?"

Wilbur: "In the past 2 1/2 years, when I was actively the Athletic Director, the only purchase orders I was required to fill out were for ones where monies had to be sent along with entry forms, like for league events. The money and P.O. (purchase order) was to accompany the entry forms. It was my understanding, and I was told, that for things that were bought from like things from Gibney's, didn't need a purchase order as long as the bill was checked for accurate quantities and the prices were on the up and up. I would sign them (bills) and put them through the process."

Hanratty asked Wilbur if he had ever heard of Chapter 30b, the Uniform Procurement Act?"

"No," Wilbur replied, "not until I read it in the paper."

Hanratty: "Did you talk about this with the Principal or Assistant Principal?"

"No, with the Superintendent (Sylvia)," Wilbur responded. "Until this year in October, any discussion of monetary things went to the Superintendent (Sylvia). Sometimes when there was an item where money was needed, like when the score board needed to be fixed at a cost of about $800 to $900, that is what we would discuss. Money things we never discussed."

Hanratty, referring to a March 26 memo indicating discussions with Sylvia, asked, "Did you discuss Chapter 30b with the assistant principal or the principal?"

Wilbur: "Again, I had never heard of Chapter 30b. We never discussed it."

Hanratty, referring to a March 22 memo when Wilbur discussed ordering and costs with Sylvia, asked Wilbur to go through and describe what happened.

"The costs were received over the telephone," Wilbur said. "After the first call, I had talked to Sylvia about the costs that they could be obtained at half price if we buy in bulk. Originally, it was my understanding that in talking to the individual, that the price was $10,000 and we would end up with ice packs that would last up to ten years or more in a shelf life. After looking over the athletic budget and noting that I had budgeted about $1400 per year, that over a period of eight to ten years I could delete that item from the athletic budget. During our discussion, we said it was a good idea. I felt I had got approval, so I went ahead and called the individual back (ADP). I was told I could order them in a case or half a case. I told them I would order them in the smaller amount, which he informed me would be 10 boxes. He didn't tell me at that time how many ice packs there were in each box. Two or three days later I got a call from their shipping department saying the order was ready and that they wanted my approval to ship. I told them 'yes' as I thought I had approval. The order came; I checked. There were 10 boxes with 16 ice packs in each box and 2 medical kits.

"Two weeks later," Wilbur continued, "after getting the order, I checked the items and called back as the two med kits weren't what he had quoted me over the phone; it was double. I also said the $3.88 cents per pack wasn't what he had quoted me over the phone. I was told the $3.88 was for half a case, for eight ice packs. Dividing it out it came to 46.5 cents, so I told him I wanted corrected invoices. A week later I got them in the mail, corrected them, and threw the others away. That was during the spring of '92. I also talked to the gentleman from ADP. He offered some items at that time free, such as a Nolan Ryan signed baseball and a Cross pen and pencil set. The baseball I never got and the pen and pencil set are still in my desk, as far as I know. My assumption at that time was that the 10 cases received was it and it was done with."

Wilbur's attorney, John Goewey, suggested to Wilbur that he explain his call to the California Better Business Bureau.

Wilbur said he called the Better Business Bureau at that time and they had no information on the company. "In September," he said, "I got another call saying the rest of the order was ready. I questioned the salesperson at that time and told him I asked for ten boxes, I got ten boxes. He said you must have misunderstood because inside each one of those ten boxes there are other boxes. For the life of me," Wilbur said, "I can't remember if he said there was 12 boxes inside of each one or 20 boxes. I said to him 'This is way out of line with what the deal was.' He said 'When I talked to you, it was about $10,000 and we got only $1300.' Yes it was said that is correct and it was my misunderstanding that the whole shipment didn't come at that time and I have the rest of it. I had discussed this prior and I thought I had approval for that so I told him to ship it. At that time he said, since the shipment is so big, is there anything the school could use. I said it could use a lot of things. He said, 'I can put an answering machine in there so you can use it in your office.' I said fine. The order came in. I checked the invoices for items and numbers. A week later, the bills came with the corrected price of the bills I had had. I made the assumption the price was correct. I put them through for payment as I normally do and signed them for the warrant.

"This was in September or early October, I'm not sure," Wilbur went on. "At the end of October or early November, I got another call from him saying, 'the rest of your order is in.' I said, 'I already got the two shipments and I told you I have already spent the amount of money we were going to spend; there can't be another shipment. Whatever you've got there, cancel it; we don't want it.' He said to me, 'Well, if you do that then I can't give you the bulk rate.' I asked him, 'Okay, then how much money do you think we owe you?' He said, '$15,000 or $12,000, I don't know, I'm not sure.' I said, 'I can't approve that. We got what was agreed. I said I have to talk to someone about it. He said then, 'If you don't take the things here then I am going to have to change the billing and you are still going to owe me the money.'

"So," Wilbur continued, "I went over to talk to Dr. Sylvia and told him, 'I've got a problem here. The company says we owe them $15,000 or we take the shipment and pay the $12,000 or $13,000, I'm not sure of that figure. We are not going to pay the money and not get anything for it I told him. He called back and said, "Fine, since I have you on the phone I am going to give a TV to you for the athletic department.' I told him I don't have a use for a TV. He asked what I wanted. I told him I could use a camcorder for the coaches to use. The order came in again; I checked prices. The ice pack prices were the same as before, I assumed the price for the ice packs were as before. It was the wrong assumption: 46.5 cents per piece and $3.88 at 1/2 a case. Two weeks later the cam corder came. It sat for, I would say, 6 months in the cage. I believe then that Mark Sutphen had borrowed it as the one from the Cable Club had not worked; he used it for track. I believe Mr. Nicoletti used it. When I got that I believe Dr. Sylvia was not in school. I called Dr. Palermo and told him we got this donated to the athletic department. Nothing was said, like 'you can't accept that.' He said 'This is good, we can use it.' The discussions I had with Dr. Sylvia were that we had spent a lot more money than we thought we would spend; we both of us would spend. We had what I thought was at least ten years of ice packs, $10,000 which was $4000 less than what we would pay. I checked the prices again and I called the gentleman back and told him we are not going to spend money and not get anything. I said, 'Look! You have put me in a bind, I don't have this kind of money.' When we discussed this, it was decided to use the gate receipts money per Dr. Sylvia because the budget money was gone. The shipment came in and I checked it. Again I discussed it with the gentleman and asked, 'This is absolutely it, there is no more?' 'Yes, this is definitely all there is.' All of a sudden I get another phone call, it's the same thing all over again. This time it was the items that showed up here at the end of January that were not supposed to be sent. I did not okay them to be sent. I told him we had already taken an order from him which we didn't agree to. He said he didn't have those figures in front of him. I told him again, 'I don't want this order. I don't need this order (55 cases).' '"Well,' he said, 'How about some other things you might need.' I said, 'Fine, what are your prices?' He asked, 'How about tape?' It goes for a $1.10 per roll and I don't remember a quote for the pre-wrap. I said to him, 'Don't send anything.' He told me it would be about $14,000 and I would have to get it approved."

Wilbur continued, "At that time Dr. Sylvia was gone (on leave) and Dr. Palermo had taken over. At that time some things were happening, my wife was sick. I never talked to any administrator. It showed up without approval and with it a VCR. Great, now we have a camcorder a VCR and a TV and we don't have to bother Mr. Mongeon (Media Specialist at the high school). Now the coaches can use it. I brought the TV and VCR home to check and see that they worked; this was during February vacation. I checked the shipment and the invoices when they came in and I told him, 'You sent us something you were not supposed to.' The person I spoke to said, 'Fine, take the shipping charges off.' That amounted to $2200. Fine, but I still didn't agree to this shipment. He said. 'Well, keep it until next year.'

"'I have to get approval for this,' I told him. 'It's going to have to sit here.' That's the way it was left. Since then, as everyone knows, I haven't been here. I did not have any discussions with the company, but I know the bills showed up for $14,000. I know I wouldn't have paid it. Basically, that is the run

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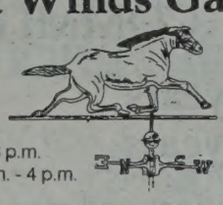

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down."

Hanratty then asked Wilbur, "How did it come about that you bought medical supplies from Gibney's?"

"When that last agreed to shipment was discussed," Wilbur replied, "the salesperson (ADP) said we would have to take x numbers of ice packs. I told him we didn't need them. That's when I switched and looked at buying other items like latex gloves, ace bandages and jerseys."

Hanratty asked Wilbur if Gibney offered him any free gifts?

"No," Wilbur replied. "They have done favors like donate jerseys to the alumni game sponsored by the Booster Club. We didn't ask for them."

Hanratty asked Wilbur if he spoke with either Sylvia or Palermo about the gifts.

Wilbur, "I talked to Dr. Palermo about a camcorder. I thought I mentioned a VCR, but I am not sure of that. I know I mentioned the second TV that was given to the Booster Club. The first TV, I'm not sure."

Palermo interjected, "There was no discussion about those items with me."

Hanratty told Palermo he would have an opportunity to speak later.

Hanratty asked Wilbur how long he had the items from ADP at his home.

Wilbur replied, "Since the February vacation."

Hanratty asked about the TV that was at Wilbur's father's home.

Wilbur said he brought it there himself because he forgot to include it with the other items that Carmody picked up. He said he thought it would be more convenient for Carmody to pick that item up there.

Hanratty then asked, "What about the cost offered and what was actually paid to ADP?"

Attorney Goewey interjected that without the invoices, that question would be difficult to answer.

Hanratty asked Goewey not to interrupt since he was present to advise his client and not to participate in any discussions.

Hanratty then asked how much time was needed to look at the invoices from ADP? "Is five minutes enough?"

"It's difficult to say until we see the invoices," Goewey replied.

Hanratty declared a five minute recess to allow for the inspection of the invoices by Wilbur and his attorney.

[Records in the Town Auditor's office show original invoices in multiples of $4000+ during 1992 for medical supplies from American Data Products. Wilbur's signature was on all invoices. One invoice showed a handwritten note under Wilbur's signature indicating there was to be a credit to the school. The bill schedules submitted by the School Department were signed by Sylvia and several School Committee members. Multiple invoices for 1993 have been held up by the School Department as well as the bill schedule which has not been sent to the auditor. Palermo has indicated that those bills totalling over $14,000 and alluded to in testimony by Wilbur will not be paid and the items ordered will be returned.]

Upon return from the recess, Wilbur noted the prices on the invoices per item were not the prices given to him on the phone by American Data Products. He acknowledged that he didn't do a very good job in checking the invoices. "The $3.888 per ice pack was not quoted to me over the phone," he said. "There are two different prices for tape. They do not match the price that was quoted on the phone."

Palermo, who had asked to be recognized earlier, emphatically stated again, "In no way, absolutely not, was there a discussion of donated items. The TV upon arrival on March 15, 1993 was what prompted this investigation," he said.

When asked by Hanratty if he had a discussion on this issue, Sylvia replied that there was no discussion. Sylvia also said he did not approve purchases made by Wilbur nor did he sign any invoices. He said he was aware of Chapter 30b. He said he never authorized the purchases that ended up costing ten times the normal cost and that over his 21 years as superintendent, he always sought the best price. He noted that two weeks before he was to go on paid leave, he was told by Wilbur that he was upset by the bills. "I told him to talk to Mr. Carmody or Dr. Palermo. That conversation lasted about 15 seconds on our way from his office to Mr. Carmody's office," Sylvia said.

Wilbur then countered, "On three separate occasions I talked to him (Sylvia) for two or three minutes at a time, not 15 seconds."

Committee member Barbara Tuttle asked Sylvia why the voucher system was discontinued.

Sylvia replied that the system was in use when Richard Garabedian was Athletic Director and responsible for K-12 physical education as well as athletics. "The evaluation of Wilbur was done by Carmody, and the High School Principal retains responsibility for supervision," Sylvia said.

Tuttle asked Sylvia if it was not true that the Superintendent has the ultimate responsibility?

Sylvia replied, "If you want to say 'the ultimate responsibility,' I have no problem with that. I was not aware of the situation of things costing 10 times what they should."

School Committee member Alan Marble asked Wilbur, "When you saw the invoices and the $3.88 item, you signed it. Why did you do that?"

"After I got the very first bill," Wilbur replied, "I called again and told him the price was not the price I was quoted. He said that price was for a half case. I told him that is not the way it was listed here. I was told that when the next bill came in, there would be a credit. All I can say, is that a year ago I didn't check it or I assumed the gentleman was giving me a fixed cost. I am certainly intelligent enough to know that if I am getting an ice pack at 70 cents from a dealer in Worcester that I am not going to go out and pay $3.88 in California. It certainly would not be done intentionally."

Marble said, "You say, as this kept going on, you became increasingly concerned about it. Why didn't you a long time ago come back to us and make an attempt to end it right then and there?"

Wilbur recalled that he had said before that when the third shipment came he tried to outright cancel it at that time. "I was told, 'Okay, but you can't have the bulk rate, you won't get the 46.5 cents per item but will owe us $12,000.' I went then to Dr. Sylvia," Wilbur said. "He doesn't remember that conversation. All I can tell you is I was not about to spend $12,000 and not get anything."

Marble noted that the accounts were overspent. "Did you have any concern as to how to pay for the remainder of the sports programs for the rest of the year?" he asked.

"No," Wilbur replied, "not until the company sent the rest of the things. There was enough money in the gate receipts to cover it. There was more than $15,000 left in that with some left over from last year. The discussion was how was I going to pay for it. I was going to use the gate receipts. That was the answer I got. So I didn't have that problem. The problem I was concerned with was that we didn't have any other expenditures that I didn't anticipate. There is enough money in the budget right now to run the athletic budget."

Marble asked if the athletic budget then was somewhat overinflated.

Wilbur said "no," because he did not spend as much as last year. He noted for example that there were softballs left over

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MILLBURY VOTERS
On Election Day - Tuesday, April 27

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CHET HANRATTY, JR.

for

★ SCHOOL COMMITTEE ★

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from the previous year so that item didn't have to be purchased this year. "You don't know that when you do a budget in January," he said. "The gate receipts this year were not anywhere near what they were last year. We were being careful not to spend money on things like away scrimmages in basketball. The athletic budget is not in deficit this year; it never was. There was one problem with Gibney related to cleaning of uniforms for football. They bill us and normally that is an item we pay for after receiving a bill, usually in the summertime; there isn't a problem."

Committeewoman Jane Pojani asked Wilbur to clarify his statement that his first contact with ADP was sometime in November or December since one bill from the company is dated October 17th.

"It was earlier then," Wilbur replied.

Pojani noting that there was a shipment of half cases with 10 boxes in each half case and 16 ice packs in each box at a cost of 46.5 cents per item, asked, "Did that include shipping and handling?"

Wilbur replied, "I know when I did the first calculations over the phone that it was still less than what we were paying."

Pojani then asked, "Why, when you were going over your budget with us back in January, didn't you bring it up to us?"

"I didn't think there was a problem then," Wilbur replied. "The problem came up at the end of January and in February."

"Why didn't you come to us at that time?" Pojani asked.

Wilbur hesitantly said, "I don't know. It didn't honestly occur to me at that time."

Pojani asked about the free items returned from Wilbur's house and how long they had been there.

He replied that they were there at different times. "When I saw the article in the paper," he said, "I sent them back."

Pojani asked why he didn't bring them back to school sooner.

Wilbur replied that it was the school vacation and he was sick for several days "and then other things were going on," he said.

Pojani, referring to the mention of gate receipts as money being used to take care of the budget, asked why Wilbur then came before the Booster Club asking for a monetary donation?

Wilbur said he went before the Booster Club for informational purposes and not for money. "I indicated there may be a problem at the end of the year as money was going out. My concern was with the bill from Gibney's for football cleaning of uniforms if the bill did not come in over the summer."

Pojani asked Wilbur to explain the bill on the October voucher for 192 ice packs at $1.08 each since the invoice in December shows 176 ice packs for $3.88 each?

Wilbur said he didn't recall the price difference.

"Your name is on both," Pojani said. "They didn't call you to tell you the price had gone up?"

"No," Wilbur replied.

School Committee Counsel Karen Luddington asked Wilbur to clarify what he meant when he said, "We didn't want to spend money and not get anything."

Wilbur replied, "When I got a call from California after the second shipment, what would have been for the third time that we would have gotten items, I said to him, 'This is too much. I want to cancel this as we have already spent out enough.' I was told we would not get the bulk rate. I told him not to do anything as I wanted to check on it."

Luddington asked, "If you spent $10,000 you got the bulk rate?" "I think he knew I was upset," Wilbur said.

Hanratty asked High School Principal Dan Carmody if he was aware of the situation.

Carmody replied, "In all the ten years I have been Principal, I had no input nor any requests for signing purchase orders. I did not know of the whole affair until I was contacted by Sue Pierce and asked who ordered the TV. I don't remember signing any requests. I was not aware of Dave Wilbur's part in this until I received a call last Thursday night from Dr. Sylvia at about 10:15 p.m. when he advised me as to the problem. That is the extent of my involvement; I was not involved."

Hanratty asked Assistant Principal Charles Capparelli if he was made aware of the problem.

Capparelli replied, "He (Wilbur) mentioned it to me in December just before Christmas break. Mr. Carmody had been out several days on sick leave. The vacation came up and I forgot to mention it to him."

Prior to adjournment, Luddington was asked to check the legal responsibilities of the school committee and what action can be taken at this time. She said she would be returning a report to the Committee before the next meeting on April 28.

In an interview following the meeting, Goewey maintained that the "system" was at fault. "Everybody missed it;" he said, "the system missed it, the business manager, the superintendent and the school committee."

When asked how he was standing up under the allegations, Wilbur replied, "It's been the worst year of my life."

When asked if he had made any mistakes, he answered, "I made some."

Were they intentional?

"No," he answered. "But what bothers me more than anything is the lies that are being said tonight." He then turned away.

Goewey was asked to comment on a section of the posting of the position for Athletic Director that Sylvia had passed out to the School Committee, noting the responsibilities of the High School Principal and the Athletic Director.

Item three in the posting indicates the following: "The Director (Athletics) shall prepare the athletic budget, maintain all necessary financial records and execute all purchases relating to the athletic program."

Goewey, after a pause for reflection, said, "I would like to get him (Sylvia) on the stand and question him on it."

The information provided by Sylvia also points out in the posting that 1. "The Director shall be responsible to the high school principal for planning and execution of all facets of the interscholastic program for grades 7-12;" and 2. "The Director shall under the supervision of the high school principal coordinate the interscholastic athletic program, prepare each seasonal sport schedule for publication, make all necessary arrangements for athletic events and be responsible for the accurate accounting of all income and expenditures in the athletic program."

[Under the proposed FY'94 Athletic Budget submitted by Wilbur on January 7, a total of $2,713 has been budgeted for medical supplies. This amount includes $1,400 for 40 cases of athletic tape and $560 for 40 cases of cold packs.]

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Kathy Gale awarded Gold Circle

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In addition, she was named a vice president of the Company. She was also named a member of the President's Club, which honors those sales associates who have been involved in 10 or more listings sold.

The Company's over 900 sales associates were invited to the breakfast and services fair. William E. Kiley, Jr., President of Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker, presented the awards.

Hunneman & Coldwell Banker sold over $1.4 billion of real estate in 1992, exceeding all Company sales records. Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker is New England's largest residential real estate company and an affiliate company of Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates, Inc., which has over 1,900 residential real estate offices nationwide.

Millbury Parents' Club Banquet

MILLBURY - The Millbury Parent's Club banquet will be held Tuesday, May 11, at Periwinkles Pub/Restaurant, 892 Southbridge Street, North Oxford. Cocktails from 6-7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The price is $13.50 and there are four choices: baked haddock, fried sea scallops, roast stuffed chicken, fettucine primavera. For desert, you have a choice of vanilla ice cream with strawberries or a cannoli. Make your checks payable to the Millbury Parents' Club and mail to: Madeline Hartline, 41 Hemlock Drive, Millbury, MA 01527. The deadline for returns is Tuesday, May 4. If you have any questions, call Madeline Hartline at 865-4876.

Smoke Detector Recall

MILLBURY - The Millbury Fire Department has announced a smoke detector recall for battery-type detectors as follows: BLACK & DECKER "SLIM LINE" - SMK 100, SMK 200, SMK300, with date code 9228 to 9246; JAMESON HOME PRODUCTS INC. "CODE 1-2000," Models A, C & D, date code 92192 to 92231; WALTER KIDDIE PORTABLE EQUIPMENT "KIDDIE SMOKE AND FIRE ALARM," Model 244, date code 92192 to 92231; SAFETY FIRST, "BABY'S ROOM SMOKE & FIRE ALARM," Model 244, date code 92192 to 92231; FUNTECH, "SAFETY'S SAKE," Model A, date code 92192 to 92231; and MAPLE CHASE, "FIREX," Model A&B, date code 92192 to 92231.

Call for a free replacement smoke detector, even if the smoke detector sounds when tested and appears to be working properly. For Black & Decker units, call 1-800-952-1331. For all other brands, call 1-800-492-4949.

Retirement party for Sylvia

MILLBURY - On Friday, May 21, a retirement party for Dr. Alfred J. Sylvia, former Superintendent of Schools in Millbury, will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. Anyone interested in attending should call Elmwood St. School at 865-5241 or Shaw Elementary School at 865-3541 for further information.

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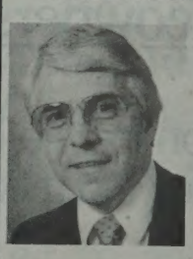
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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

The Millbury Sutton Ecumenical Cluster had a most lovely lunch at the Providence House Nursing Home. We learned that they can use volunteers and that they also provide volunteers to any organization in town that can use them. You should know by now that I am a great advocate for the use of volunteers. As a matter of fact, this week has been "Volunteer Week." Last year, we who do volunteer work were given passes to our several museums in Worcester, and I know that I had a great time visiting them.

You never know where you are going to receive some new insight. During my Sunday School class, we were considering Jesus' statement that if salt loses its flavor it is not good for anything. I have never understood how salt could lose its flavor. One of my students, as a matter of fact the only one, said that he knew how that could be done. It was really very simple. All you had to do was to separate its chemical components.

Has the Church of Jesus Christ lost its saltiness through its many divisions? Some of us are trying desperately to bring our churches together in work and worship and celebration of our risen, reigning, and returning Lord Jesus Christ.

Poor attendance at Ecumenical Services and lack of cooperation between church bodies make our efforts very frustrating. But if all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty-Dumpty back together again, we shouldn't be too surprised at the church of Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus, you prayed that we all might be one, and we pray, too, to this end. Amen.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 26-30

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Meatball Grinder, FF, Pears
TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Mixed Vegetables, Pan Roll/Butter, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Baconburger/Roll, Lettuce & Tomato, FF, Fruit
THURSDAY: Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, FF, Green Beans, Pudding
FRIDAY: Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, Carrots/Celery Stix, Brownie

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Hot Dog/Roll, Potato Puffs, Pears
TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Corn, Pan Roll/Butter, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich (Lettuce & Tomato) Potato Chips, Fruit
THURSDAY: Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potato, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Pan Roll/Butter, Cake
FRIDAY: Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, Carrots/Celery Stix, Pudding

Mystery Theater and mini-buffet

MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club will host a Mystery Theater and mini-buffet to benefit its Scholarship Fund on Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at the Dudley Gendron Post, Boston Road, Sutton. Tickets are $20 each. For tickets or additional information, call Mary at 865-4266, Mary Lou at 865-9831, or Linnea at 865-2844.

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WORCESTER - Travis Williams, a 6th grade students at Shaw Elementary School, will play a major role in the Worcester Children's Theater presentation of "Really Rosie." Performances will be held Fridays at 7 p.m.., Saturdays at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Worcester State College Administration Theatre until May 2. Tickets are $6.00. For information or to order tickets, call 752-7537.

Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will host an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 24, from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for children under the age of 10. Tickets can be purchased from church members in advance and will also be sold at the door the day of the breakfast. The breakfast is open to the general public.

Woolie World Bank

MILLBURY - The Super Park Committee is now $5229.46 away from its goal of $50,000. In order to reach that goal, the Committee has embarked on a "Woolie World Bank" project.

If you would like to help fill up the bank, complete the form below and send it to the address listed. Your name and donation will appear in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle and you can watch the bank fill up.

It is hoped that the park will be constructed by the end of May, 1993.

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Name to list in paper: _____

Mail check to: Millbury Super Park Committee, 3 Peggy Drive, Millbury, MA 01527

Strawberry Shortcake Supper

SUTTON - A Strawberry Shortcake Supper will be held Saturday, April 24, at the West Sutton Community Hall, 659 Central Turnpike, West Sutton from 4:45-7 PM. The menu will include juice, home baked beans, ham, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, pickles, hot and cold beverages and strawberry shortcake. This event is sponsored by the West Sutton Baptist Church, and proceeds will be used for general maintenance. The donation is $6.50 for adults, $3.00 for children 6-12. Tickets will be available at the door.

Proclamation for "Poppy Days"

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Selectmen has proclaimed Thursday, April 29 through Saturday, May 1 as "Poppy Days" for the annual sale of poppies by the Devoe-Taylor American Legion Unit #9. The board urges the citizens of Millbury to recognize the merits of this cause by "contributing generously to support through the purchase of poppies on the days set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our disabled veterans."

No two poppies are alike as each is individually made by a disabled veterans in hospitals and workshops. The purpose of the "Poppy Days" by American Legion Unit #9 is for the rehabilitation of veterans and their families.

"From the time of World War I," the proclamation reads, "when the Poppy decorated the graves of our loved ones in Europe, the red flower has been a tribute to those who have given their lives in the service of our nation."

Sutton Senior News

Week of April 26-30

The C.O.A. office staff is available for service to elders daily, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 865-9798. For the S.C.M. Elderbus, Inc., van ride, call 865-1602.

MONDAY: Senior Fitness will begin again on Monday, May 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. Crafts will begin again on May 3rd.

TUESDAY: Pokeno, lunch at noon, special shopping April 27 at K-Mart. Blood pressures taken at 11:30 a.m. at the Sr. Center, town hall, every Tuesday until further notice.

WEDNESDAY: lunch at noon. Sr. fitness will begin again on May 3rd.

THURSDAY: Grocery shopping (Make transportation appointments for medical, shopping, and senior center 24 hours in advance.); Orchard Apartments health check from 8-9 a.m.

FRIDAY: Lunch at noon

TRIPS: Nashville/Memphis, 5 days, leaving September 15. $100 deposit due May 1st. Total cost: $799 twin. Final payment due July 9th. Y'all start saving now for a fun, fall season!

Blood Pressure Clinics

MILLBURY - The following District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of May are open to the general public: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, May 4, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and May 11, 9-11 a.m.; Stuarts Department Store, 132 Worcester St., No. Grafton, May 5, 10 a.m. to noon.

The following clinics are for residents of the apartments only: Centerview Apartments, May 20, 1-2 p.m.; Colonial Apartments, May 27, 1-2 p.m.; Linden Apartments, May 19, 1-2 p.m.

In Sutton, the schedule is as follows: Orchard Apartments, Church St., recreation room, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, from 8-9 a.m.; Town Hall, Uxbridge Road, library room, May 4, 11, 18, 25, from 11:30-noon.

For more information on any clinic, call 865-4373 or 865-3561.

Proclamation for Health Day

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Selectmen has proclaimed Saturday, April 24, as "Millbury Health Awareness Day" and urges all citizens of the community to take cognizance of this week to participate fittingly in its observance at a health fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles F. Minney, VFW Post, South Main Street. The fair is co-sponsored by the Millbury Lions Club and the District Nursing Society and offers a variety of free health screenings, including the following: blood glucose, visual acuity, glaucoma, blood pressure, oral cancer, colon cancer, hearing, height/weight, cholesterol, nutrition, smoking (cessation as well as medication), immunizations, AIDS and drug/alcohol information.

Youth Football Registration

MILLBURY - Millbury-Sutton Youth Football will hold a spring sign-up for fall football on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall. The registration fee is $45.00. Two teams will be forming: Jr. Pee Wee for ages 7-9 (to 75 lbs.) and Jr. Midget, ages 10-12 years (to 110 lbs.) Join the Raider excitement!

Woolie World Bank Starting to Fill Up....

Following is a list of contributors who are helping to fill up the Woolie World Bank to provide a spectacular playground for Millbury youngsters:

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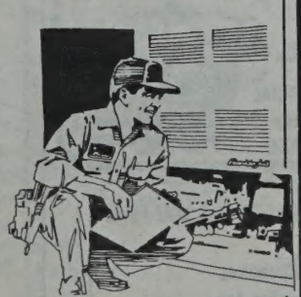

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separately, or, as in Sutton, together. The chasm is a geological phenomenon identified as a chasm which is also purgatory. A chasm is defined as an abyss or a gorge, a purgatory is defined as a chasm or cleft in a cliff or wall of rock.

Geological interest in Sutton's spectacular Purgatory Chasm is documented as early as 1841, when theories of its origin began to be presented. Richard J. Lougee, a Professor at Clark University during the years 1947 to 1960, examined two prior theories and developed a third which is accepted with minor variation by glacial geologists today.

In 1841 Dr. Edward Hitchcock, the first State Geologist of Massachusetts, ascribed Purgatory either to a subterranean convulsion or the agency of troubled waters. He wrote, "I am rather inclined to refer these fragments as well as the fissure to the long continued action of the waves of the sea, when the spot was so situated as to form a shore of moderate elevation." He describes a similar purgatory in Newport, RI.

Rejecting Hitchcock's theory, in 1925 Professor W.O. Crosby of M.I.T. described the Sutton chasm as "an exceptionally normal example of the keystone fault." "I conceive that during some disturbance of the earth's crust," he said, "such as a violent earthquake, the wedge-shaped mass of rock included between two master joists converged downward and dropped to a depth of 100 feet, thus giving rise to the chasm."

Rebutting both prior theories, in 1950 Professor Lougee of Clark published his findings, based on his study of Grafton and South Worcester Quadrangle Maps and aerial photographs examined under the stereoscope. His is called the "Waterfall Theory," based on the apparent existence of a 550 foot col or gap in the granite ridge in the Purgatory area. "The ice cap still covered all regions to the north," he wrote, "an ice-marginal lake in Casey Brook Valley (across Central Turnpike and Northwest of Purgatory) was released suddenly, forming a torrent that flowed along the ice edge to a point where the waters could discharge into Purgatory Brook Valley through a col in the granite. Pounding action of boulders that were rolled over the falls broke up joint blocks, and all but the largest blocks were washed away. The floor of the valley is now completely hidden by great blocks. The magnitude of the excavation argues for a large volume of water working incredibly fast."

Thus is answered the question that is rarely, if ever, asked. Purgatory, as used in Sutton, is not a pet name given to the chasm by enthusiastic Suttonians. Purgatory Chasm is a purgatory and a chasm. While its origin may be subject to the theories of future investigators, its geological description is incontrovertible.

I am indebted to Professor R. E. Linger of Worcester State College for sending me a copy of Professor Lougee's report.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello on proposed changes to the rules under which the Senate operates and the joint rules under which both branches conduct their business. The House has not yet acted on the joint rules which need the approval of both branches in order to take effect. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

STEERING AND POLICY - Senate 21-6, rejected a GOP-sponsored amendment abolishing the current leadership-dominated Steering and Policy (S&P) Committee. The amendment creates a new bipartisan Calendar Committee (CC) to take over the duties of scheduling legislation matters. The current S&P Committee consists of nine Democrats and two Republicans while the new committee would be made up of two Democrats and two Republicans. Amendment supporters said this new bipartisan committee would replace the S&P Committee which was established as a scheduling vehicle but has been used by the leadership to tie up and kill legislation. Opponents said the S&P Committee works well and was in fact established in response to Republicans who insisted on some order in scheduling matters. Amorello voted YA* (voted yes, but was absent) to abolish the S&P Committee.

LOCAL BILLS - Senate 21-7, rejected a Senate rules change amendment providing that "local" bills go directly to the senate floor and not be referred to the Steering and Policy committee. Amendment supporters said these bills, approved by town meetings and city councils, are important to local communities yet are often needlessly tied up in what is supposed to be a scheduling committee. Opponents said these bills are moved as quickly as possible and noted that some, like the bill providing for an appointed Boston School Committee, are not routine local bills. Amorello voted YA* for the amendment moving local bills directly to the Senate floor.

* A "pairing" process, used only in the Senate, is a procedure which allows a senator who is absent when the vote is taken to express his or her view anyway. Under the arrangement, the absent senator contacts a senator who is present and plans to vote the opposite way. The present senator agrees to "pair" his or her vote with that of the absent senator. Neither vote is counted in the official total - they cancel each other out. Each senator is still able to be unofficially recorded in favor or in opposition to the bill or amendment. YA means the senator voted YES but was absent. NA means the Senator voted NO but was absent.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS - Senate 32-0, approved a joint House-Senate rules amendment providing that both branches designate one day a week during the first four months each year for formal meetings of the legislature. The amendment provides that no public hearings be held on those days. Amendment supporters said this schedule will create order and insure that when citizens testify at public hearings, legislators will not have to abruptly leave to go cast a roll call vote in the chamber. Amorello did not vote.

END IN NOVEMBER - Senate 35-0 approved a joint House-Senate rules amendment requiring the legislature complete its business by the end of November in odd years and by the first of November in election years. Amendment supporters said this will end lame duck sessions and prevent the legislature from meeting during the holiday season when voters are not paying attention. While no senators voted against the bill, some argued the legislature could conclude its business in six months. Amorello did not vote.

Camp Fire News

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold a workshop on Thursday, April 29, from 3-4 p.m. at the Elmwood Street School. Members will be making "sock puppets" which will be sent to children at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. This activity will complete the requirement of members wishing to earn their "Teddy Bear Service Patch." Refreshments will be served.

Open Burning Permits

MILLBURY - The Fire Department will issue Open Burning Permits on Saturdays at Fire Headquarters, Elm Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon. Note the change in office hours. Open Burning Season runs until May 1. There is a $5.00 fee for the permit. When calling on Saturdays to activate your permit, make your call early as the office will close at Noon. The number is 865-5328.

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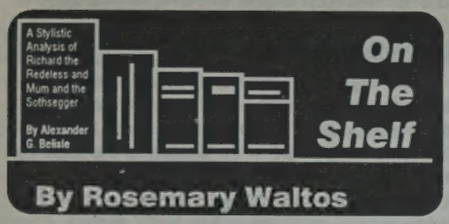

By Rosemary Waltos

The Millbury Public Library started off providing computers to the community modestly enough with a state funded grant to purchase an Apple IIE computer for the library's children's room back in 1986. Originally, the purpose of this equipment was to provide kids a creative outlet through the use of simple computer graphics programs. From there the popularity and use of this computer soared and expanded. Almost immediately, additional software programs were provided to allow children to use this computer to learn basic skills and word processing.

In 1992, with funding from another state grant, the library updated its patron access computer in the children's room with a MAC computer. The introduction of this computer enlarged the potential to better serve Millbury's student population by providing equipment and software compatible with what students use in school and by improving the communication between teachers and media specialists with staff librarians at the public library.

With the help of Barbara Debs, high school computer writing teacher and facilitator, it is now possible for Millbury's public schools and public library to talk to each other by way of computer messaging. This link provides all Millbury's teachers and school media specialists the ease of frequent contact with the Millbury Public Library in regard to their students' needs for library resources to use for school assignments and projects.

This messaging system is far more effective than a telephone call. It means that information can be sent at any time of the day over the telephone wires by computer in the form of mail, not unlike the mail that we receive in our mail boxes each day. Known as E-Mail (electronic mail), this mail can be sent (uploaded) and accessed (downloaded) at the convenience of the sender or receiver. As a result, teachers and librarians need never be available for a phone call or online at the same time to talk to each other.

E-Mail is an example of how the school/public library continue to work together for Millbury's students. These efforts help to guarantee that students get the materials they need, when they need them, for all their upcoming homework assignments and projects.

For information on library computer classes, equipment, software and other student services at the library, call 865-1181.

Special thanks to the Barbara Debs for her help in making E-Mail happen at the Millbury Public Library, as well as her contributions in writing this article.

Reflections from the Clergy

This week's "Reflections" was submitted by The Rev. Cliff Davis of the Millbury Federated Church.

In the ninth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, there is an interesting story about two people who approach Jesus for healing. The first, the father of a sick daughter, comes right up in front of Jesus. His approach is straightforward, right on. He makes his request known, and Jesus goes with him to his house to heal his daughter. The second is a woman who is perhaps more timid but certainly a woman of faith. While Jesus is moving through the crowd toward the man's home, this woman comes up behind him, thinking to herself, "If only I could touch the hem of his robe, I will be made whole." She was a woman of faith. She didn't think she needed to bother Jesus face to face, just touch his robe and she would be healed. As it happened, however, Jesus felt the power go out from him, turned and confronted the woman. But he did not confront her in condemnation. He confronted her in love. "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And then, to the man's house he went, and healed his daughter, in a like manner, bringing his power and love into her life.

In today's world, people are just as much in need of healing as they were back then. Some are in need of physical healing. Some are in need of emotional healing. Some are in need of healing from bad memories from the past. Some need healing from problems they face. Some need healing from financial distress. All kinds of healing people need these days. And then you find people who have found healing, and you ask them, "Where did you find it?" And when they respond some say, "I found it in Jesus Christ. For when I was in need, I went right to him, face to face, right on, lifted up my prayer in the midst of the whole crowd and asked him to fill my needs. And he did." And others say, "I found my healing in Jesus Christ too, but when I went to him I was afraid to go face to face, and so I went to him in my room all alone in quiet prayer and I asked him to meet my needs, and when I came way from prayer, I trusted him. And he has never let me down."

Indeed, when we search around in today's world and find that political systems fail us, that other belief systems fail us, find that our finances ultimately fail us, for no one can really take it with them, when we find that everything else fails us and we are in need of healing, there is still only one person to whom we can go: that is Jesus. Go to Jesus for that healing. Trust in Jesus to make you whole. Those who trust in Jesus will never be disappointed, for once again as always, Jesus is the great Healer. Jesus is the great Savior.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

SUTTON - Annual Town Election

MILLBURY - Millbury's Annual Health Fair, sponsored by the Millbury Lions Club and District Nursing Society, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post on South Main Street.

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will host an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for children under the age of 10.

SUTTON - A Strawberry Shortcake Supper will be held at the West Sutton Community Hall, 659 Central Turnpike, from 4:45-7 PM. The donation is $6.50 for adults, $3.00 for children 6-12.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

MILLBURY - Annual Town Election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold a workshop from 3-4 p.m. at the Elmwood Street School. Members will be making "sock puppets."

Booster Club Flea Market

MILLBURY - The Millbury Memorial Jr.Sr. High School Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a Flea Market on Saturday, May 1, at the High School, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces will be available for dealers at $10.00 each (You must provide your own table.). Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. If you have items you would like to donate to the Boosters, call 865-9777, 865-3106 or 865-3896 to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

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Spence says his recommendation for Principal will stand even after screening committee reports

By Edward J. Cooney

SUTTON - The School Committee's April 12 meeting convened shortly after 7:00 p.m. Following acceptance of the minutes of the March meeting, the Committee voted unanimously not to renew the contracts for non-tenured teachers before the April 15th cut off date as prescribed by state statute. Six non-tenured teachers are involved. The teachers could be rehired depending on the passage of the budget and state revenues.

SPED

Claudia Simonian, Director of Special Education (SPED) recommended that the present SPED Teacher Aide, Paul Malkasian, receive an upgrade in his hourly rate from $8.00 to $11.00. Simonian said Malkasian has been offered another opportunity at that hourly rate and it would be detrimental to the child and the system to lose him at this time as he has been working one on one with a child in a tutorial capacity. Simonian said that with Malkasian's background and experience in restraint procedures for aggressive acting-out children, it would be difficult to find a replacement for him. He will stay on if his rate is increased, she said.

The Committee approved her recommendation.

Budget

Superintendent Gordon Spence presented a brief scenario on the proposed school department budget as it presently stands. Included in the budget is a line item to hire a certified librarian for media services which Spence noted will be required to meet the standards for the NEASSC visitation team for accreditation.

The Committee gave a unanimous vote for the proposed budget totalling $5,139,500 to be brought before the Finance Committee and the Town Meeting. The Committee also established a date for the Public Hearing on the budget of April 26 at 7:00 P.M.

PALMS Program

Elementary Principal Beverly Brown presented a request for the Committee's continuing support of the PALMS program which has been in place over the past year. The program is designed to bring about systemic changes in math and science at the Sutton elementary school. The program involves a partnership with WPI and Framingham State College who send interns to the elementary level as well as provide support for the training program.

Brown reported that to continue the PALMS Program, the Sutton School System must bring in a partnership with another school district and three other schools outside Sutton. The Framingham School district is being considered as well as several other schools from surrounding towns. Consideration is also being given to bring Clark University in as part of a partnership since they have a teacher training education component. Worcester State College is already tied into a partnership with the City of Worcester.

An additional $15,000 will be needed in the budget for the salary of a teacher for this program. Brown said that grants received this year paid for a portion of the present PALMS teacher's salary. "Because of the PALMS Program," Brown said, "we have been able to get other grants which have helped strengthen the program. A fundraiser has also been held that has allowed for the purchase of needed equipment as the grant of $5000 does not cover all the expenses for materials and equipment such as overhead projectors, printers and a computer."

The Committee approved a motion to continue to support the PALMS Program for the next school year.

Appearance of School

Spence related a story or two concerning commendations for the appearance of the school and the atmosphere of the educational setting as expressed to him by two visitors.

One expression of commendation came from an official of Leslie College who visited the school complex. Another came from a visitor at a dance held at the high school who was from another town and said it was nice to see the Acting Principal of the High School in attendance. The individual also commented on the safe atmosphere and not having to fear that a fight could break out after the dance.

"These are the things I think about when some people seem to want to tell us how to run our schools," Spence said, "and I tell them not to judge us with some mythical school or standard."

Screening Committee

Alison Snyder and Linda Roach, School Committee representatives on a screening committee for the replacement of retired High School Principal Ed Grant, asked the School Committee for direction on the function of the screening committee. The committee was established by vote of the School Committee last January.

Snyder, who chairs the screening committee, explained that her committee is screening applicants but is not sure if they should be conducting interviews. She said the eight-member committee sees its function solely as a screening committee. Snyder said the committee will be reducing a list of candidates to six, with three back-ups, and providing the list to Spence who would interview and select three for the School Committee to interview. The Superintendent would then make his recommendation to the full school committee.

School Committee Chairwoman Sue Horne said she thought the screening committee was charged with interviewing as well.

Both School Committee members Victor Kourey and Anne Fox also agreed that the motion to form the screening committee indicates that the interviewing process would be part of its function.

Fox also said the Superintendent has been removed from the process until the end.

Spence said the screening committee is a "School Committee committee" not a "Superintendent's committee." "It has been removed from the superintendent," he said. "I made my recommendation on December 27 and I made my recommendation on January 20th. If I find it necessary to interview, I will. If not, I will make my recommendation as provided by law. I'm not charged to go by the screening committee. I have given you my recommendation twice in writing and I will give it to you tonight again: I am recommending Vito Filipkowski even after the screening committee reports. My job is to recommend. You can accept or reject. If you reject, then it's my job to go out and get another candidate."

Kourey asked how many individuals were on the screening committee. When told by Roach that there are eight members, an even number, Kourey said that does not follow

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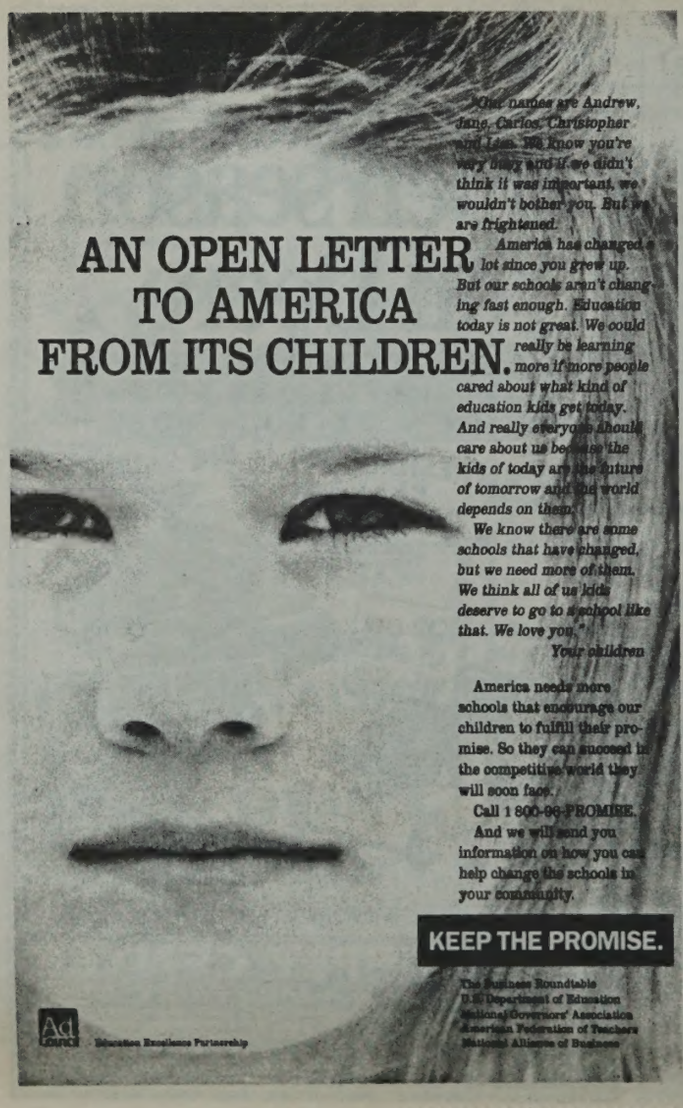
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Skye Line Drive residents pack room

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - The Sutton Selectmen met with a packed gallery on April 13. Selectmen in attendance were: Chairman Wallace Johnson, Mary K. Connor, David Strieby and Dana Gravison.

Town Administrator's Update

Town Administrator Dexter Blois reported on a public hearing he attended at the State House in Boston regarding landfill closures and recycling bills. He said he testified in favor of bills submitted to extend the mandatory closure date which is now set for December 31, 1993.

Blois said the Department of Environmental Protection wants all landfills closed, but communities strapped for funds are asking their legislators for delays in the closure date and help to pay for the closure. He said the testimony, weighted heavily in favor of an extension, may have some effect, but he was advised to proceed as though there was to be no extension and hope for the best. He said that Sutton is wiser to plan for closure anyway since the landfill will have to be closed soon even if there is an extension of the closure date.

Skye Line Drive

Angry residents from the Skye Line Drive area packed the recreation room of the Council on Aging where the selectmen's meeting had to be moved to accommodate the audience.

Brian Barlow of Skye Line Drive told the board the reason for the large turn-out was that residents of the area received large sewer abatement bills from the Sewer Commissioners on April 9. He explained that developers have had the sewer betterment fee waived because they have installed sewer systems which have benefitted the town. "In every case that I understand here, that has happened. Years go by and all of a sudden these bills come in for these fees. You can imagine receiving that in your mail, be it a $1,200 or a $2,500 fee," he said. "It's quite a shock. We've just paid our taxes, our bills, then all of a sudden this comes in, and it's not even a reasonable expectation that people can pay these things." Barlow also said that other residents from the same area, with the same builder, are exempt from the fee.

Wally Johnson told the residents that he had not heard of the problem before this meeting and was troubled that the selectmen were not notified of the bills.

Connor also stated that she did not know about the bills before the fact. She did state that this issue is the responsibility of the Sewer Commission, and said they should be given the courtesy of responding.

The Sewer Commission had a meeting scheduled for Tuesday night which Blois said was canceled because of conflicts with two members. They rescheduled their meeting to April 20.

Connor explained to residents that the confusion might result from the fact that Sutton now has a totally different sewer commission from that which granted most of these waivers. She said it was her opinion that the present commission is trying to do what is best for the town. She said the by-law that was in place when the subdivisions were constructed gave automatic waivers to developers if they met certain conditions. Connor said the by-law is open to interpretation when the property is sold and when the sewer is put in. "What the sewer commissioners are doing now is going backwards," she said. "I'm going to urge them to get together with the old group and not do what the law says you can do but do what's right for the people in town. From their point of view, they have nothing to gain; they're trying to look ahead for the future of Sutton. There are a lot of things that have to be done. You're going to be affected by it down the line. That's the whole point of the betterment fee." Connor said she is not arguing for the commissioners and would probably support the residents' position if asked, but she wanted to also be fair to the commissioners. She also said it is only fair that a buyer be aware of the fee at the time of the purchase so the fee can be added to the mortgage.

Johnson asked former Sewer Commissioner John Reed, who was on the board when many of these homes were built, to explain the agreements made with reference to the waivers.

Reed said the property was purchased by Tom Renaud and George Lamothe for a development. He said they started to put the sewer lines in for Skye Line Drive. "A question came up at that time because it went to Waybridge and Chris Muti and whether that had been sold before or after the sewer lines were in," he said. "We went over that thoroughly. We then established that Chris Muti was paying for the sewer lines, and Renaud and Lamothe were not. Therefore, it was granted that the developer could put in those sewer lines without any charge whatsoever as far as Skye Line Drive was concerned. Now, my understanding was that Muti bought Skye Line Drive entirely, then Frankie Noel bought the rest of it from George Lamothe, and it was agreed at that time that he would put the sewer lines in at his expense, and the house would be connected up with no charge whatsoever."

Reed said he rode through the area, and it is his opinion that from the agreement made at that time, there are only eight lots that should be charged: the seven lots owned by Arthur Keown and the first house going into Skye Line Drive. He said they are the only properties that should be charged the assessment; all others should be exempt.

Connor said that having read the by-law, the intent appears to be that only the developer who installs the sewer lines should benefit from the waiver, and if the lots are sold to another developer, the next developer down the line should not benefit. She said that assessing these fees after the house has been purchased, "makes no sense unless at least they (the home buyers) are aware of it because it's a lot of money, and that's part of buying a house."

Blois said that information has been and is being provided on Certificates of Municipal Lien issued by the collector's office. He said he researched back to 1989, and on the lien, it states that the sewer fee may be or will be assessed in the future.

Johnson expressed his concern that the selectmen were not notified that bills, which should have been sent out five years ago, were now being sent. "You'd think that if 85 bills were going to be sent out," he said, "they'd have done a little more research. This is the part that bothers me."

John Hicks told the board that he and his wife bought her parents' home which had a sewer line which was installed and connected in 1981. They have received a bill for $1,200.

Mark Vale of Dodge Hill Road said he had a different problem. He said he and his sister came before the commission four or five years ago with plans to build homes, had plans to connect to the sewer lines and were told to begin. He said they were called back in and were told that they had to install eight-inch lines which drove the cost of construction up to $9,000 to connect to Pine Ridge. Originally, he said, the commissioners wanted nothing to do with their line, then called them back and told them they had to install two manholes, two clean-out sweeps, and had to write the easements to the town. "I've given you all eight-inch lines, all the manholes, all the sweeps, the easements - $9,000 for this - then they charge us $2,500 each on top of this," Vale said. He said their project went from a $2,000 project to $9,000, and the commissioners told him they could charge him an additional $2,500 for this privilege. He said former Town Engineer Dick Wharton told them that the commissioners would probably waive the fee because they had spent so much for the installation. "Now," he said, "we're going into $14,000 for the project."

Johnson asked the residents to write down their complaints for the board. "What was promised to you people should be carried out," he said. "A promise is a promise, and if it's made by a previous board, I will do my best to see it is carried out."

Later in the meeting, Blois told the board that he was aware that the commissioners worked on the project for over six months. He said, in defense of the sewer commissioners, that the commissioners should not be blamed for doing what should have been done years ago. He said there is little correspondence in the file indicating who was granted abatements.

Both Johnson and Connor said the commissioners should have made some inquiries before sending out bills of $2,500.

Blois said he was not going to leave the commission hanging on this issue.

Hartness Rd. Reconstruction

Residents from Hartness Road met with selectmen and developer Frank Noel to discuss concerns over the continuation of a project begun by Sutton Valley Corp.

Residents expressed concerns that past conditions would be repeated. Those concerns were that residents did not have access to their homes during day-time construction, that the roads were frequently impassable, and that the project has taken too long.

Noel explained that he has provided the town with a work schedule which indicates that he will complete the project in 50 working days from the start. He said that only residential traffic will be allowed on the roads during construction, but residents will have access to their property. He explained that he will begin construction of homes while he is completing the water and sewer work, and if there is a problem, he instructed residents to call his office and ask for him.

Solid Waste Choices

The selectmen again reviewed the Solid Waste Disposal Options that will be coming up for consideration at this year's Annual Town Meeting. [All of the options were presented in their entirety in the April 8 edition of the *Chronicle*.]

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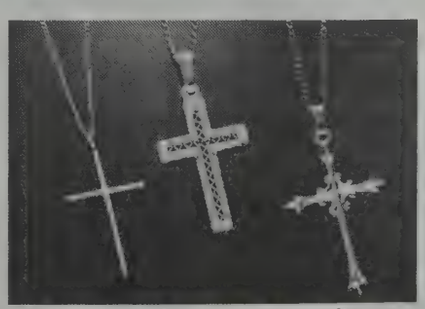

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for the purpose of a Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion in order to purchase two (2) new dump trucks for the Sutton Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993.

Question #4: "Shall the Town of Sutton be allowed to assess an additional $62,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of a Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion in order to purchase a new backhoe for the Sutton Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993?"

Question #5: "Shall the Town of Sutton be allowed to assess an additional $75,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of a Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion in order to purchase and install new carpeting in the Sutton Elementary School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993?"

In Millbury, voters head to the polls on Tuesday, April 27:

- SELECTMEN (one, three year seat), E. Bernard Plante, incumbent.
- TREASURER (one, three-year seat), David W. Cofske
- ASSESSOR (one, three-year seat), Walter T. Hagstrom
- HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (one, three-year seat), Joseph Chase
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE (one, three-year seat), Chester Paul Hanratty, Jr., incumbent; Robert J. Picard
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE (one, one-year seat), Thomas J. Clawson
- BOARD OF HEALTH (one, three-year seat), Richard J. Boire, Ronald M. Festa, Arthur J. Moore
- PLANNING BOARD (two, three-year seats), Terry Burke Dotson, incumbent; Edward J. Cooney, Sr.; Frederick A. Moseley; Harold F. Proodian.
- CEMETERY COMMISSION (one, three-year seat), Raymond L. Ledoux, Jr., incumbent.
- LIBRARY TRUSTEE (two three-year seats), Regina Bleau, incumbent; Karen A. Kenary, incumbent; Elizabeth R. Thurlow.
- SEWERAGE COMMISSION (one, three-year seat), George E. Buron, incumbent.
- HOUSING AUTHORITY (one, one-year seat), Barbara F. Blavackas
- PARKS COMMISSION (one, five-year seat) Brian K. Gasco, William J. Havalotti

In addition, Millbury voters will be asked:

Question #1: "Shall an act passed by the general court as summarized below in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An Act providing for referendum petitions and elections in the Town of Millbury," be accepted? SUMMARY: Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1992. This act provided that no final vote of any town meeting session passing or rejecting a measure under any article in the warrant shall be effective until ten days after the adoption of the vote. During that ten day period, voters may file with the Board of Selectmen a petition calling for a referendum election on a town meeting vote. This petition must bear the signatures of not less than three percent of the registered voters from each precinct. Within fourteen days of this filing the Board of Selectmen shall call a special referendum election which shall be held within fourteen days after issuing the call. If a regular or special election is scheduled not more than thirty days following the date the petition is filed, the referendum question or questions may be presented to the voters at that election. The referendum question shall be determined by a majority vote of the registered voters voting on it. No action of town meeting shall be reversed unless at least twenty-five percent of all of the registered voters of the town shall so vote."

QUESTION #2: "Shall an act passed by the general court as summarized below in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An Act providing for recall elections in the Town of Millbury," be accepted? SUMMARY: Chapter 335 of the Acts of 1992. This act provides a mechanism for recalling any person who holds an elected Town office. In order to hold a recall election, at least fifty percent of the total number of persons who voted in the most recent annual town election must sign a recall petition. If sufficient certified signatures are obtained, the Board of Selectmen must notify the officer whose recall is sought. If that person does not resign, the Board of Selectmen shall order a recall election to vote on whether the official should be recalled. Interested persons may run for the office which is subject to the recall. At the election, the officer whose recall is sought may be a candidate to succeed to the same office. If the recall question passes, the candidate with the highest number of votes shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term. If the recall question fails, the person whose recall was sought shall continue to hold office for the unexpired term."

Millbury Arts Council

MILLBURY - Anyone who has received a PASS or LCC grant from the Millbury Arts Council must fill out a reimbursement form. These are available at the Millbury Public Library and should be returned, along with your voucher, to Katherine Hackett, 21 Juniper Drive, Millbury, MA 01527.

Preschool accepting applications

MILLBURY - The Integrated Preschool Class at the Elmwood Street School is now accepting applications for the 1993-94 school year. Children who will be three or four years of age by September 1st and are residents of Millbury are eligible to apply. Students in the integrated preschool class are a mixture of special needs children and non-special needs children.

There is no cost for this program as funding has been provided through a Special Education Early Childhood Grant. Parents must transport their child to and from the preschool program. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, two or three days a week. Approximately 17 children will be selected on a lottery basis from among those who apply.

The Integrated Preschool Class offers instruction in a variety of areas, including language, fine motor, socialization and daily living skills. Children enjoy activities in music, art, math, science and reading readiness. Parents must be available to participate in day time workshops twice a month and in occasional evening workshops.

If you would like additional information or would like to file an application, call Linda Oroszko, School Psychologist, at 865-3541. Applications will be accepted Monday, April 26, through Friday, May 7.

Scholarship available

MILLBURY - A scholarship is available through the Millbury Arts Council. Any Millbury resident who is planning to study the arts (visual arts, dance, music, photography, etc.) is eligible.

Applications may be obtained at the Millbury Public Library and should be returned no later than May 7 to Katherine Hackett, 21 Juniper Drive, Millbury, MA 01527.

Women's Bowling League

MILLBURY - Pat Gaspar rolled the high triple in the Millbury Women's Bowling League last week with strings of 95/134/95 for a 324 game. Bowling 100 and over were: Kathy Marble, 113/108; Ellen Bouvier, 100/101; Pat Gaspar, 134; Gloria Cichy, 109; Ann Coons, 109; Gail Higginbottoom, 102; Bette Pichierri, 102; Becky Rushton, 102, Bridget Grenier, 100.

TEAM STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST
1	#3 The Shadows	74	30
1	#2 Kathy's Marbles	66	38
2	#1 Pattie's Pin-Ups	60	44
3	#5 Sisters Plus One	50	54
4	#4 Joannie & the Jets	40	64
5	#6 Gail Gabbers	24	80

HIGH SINGLE
Joan DeSantis 142
Ann Coons 141
Pat Gaspar 134

HIGH TRIPLE
Pat Gaspar 370
Joan DeSantis 358
Kathy Marble 342

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar, 103.8; Kathy Marble, 99.6; Becky Rushton, 96.9.

TOP TEN BOWLERS: Pat Gaspar, 103.8; Kathy Marble, 99.6; Becky Rushton, 96.9; Joan DeSantis, 96.5; Charlotte Gabree, 94.9; Gail Higginbottom, 94.8; Ann Coons, 94.2; Ellen Bouvier, 93.6; Mary Jo Boire, 89.4; Debbie Boire, 88.5

SUTTON ELECTION APRIL 24

Your Vote to Re-elect Selectman

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[X] FOR THE BEST POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION POSSIBLE

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- AFFORDABLE WASTE DISPOSAL
- DEVELOPER PAID IMPACT FEES
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[X] FOR UNBIASED, SERIOUS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ATTENTION TO:
- BUDGETING AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING
- ANTICIPATING FUTURE NEEDS
- SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND QUALITY EDUCATION
- RECREATION FOR ALL AGES
- CITIZENS' PROBLEMS
- TOWN EMPLOYEES' WELFARE
- ELDERLY ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

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Anita Bartolome

Please Cast One of Your Two Votes for DAVID STRIEBY

Committe To Re-Elect David Strieby, Peter Army, Chairman

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Johnson again reiterated his opinion that the transfer station option offers residents the lowest cost for rubbish removal.

Connor said the selectmen and the Solid Waste Committee have an obligation to inform residents of the entire cost to the town. This cost would include the site preparation, the cost of a transfer station if one was to be built, and how the cost of operation would change if fewer or more residents decided to avail themselves of the privilege.

Blois said all of those numbers cannot be provided even by Town Meeting time.

Connor asked how the voters can make the wisest choice if all of the numbers are not presented? She added that the board must consider whether to support an override to underwrite the cost of the transfer station or whether they are going to advise that the transfer station be supported by sticker fees which will cover the operation and maintenance costs.

The selectmen decided to table their recommendation on the transfer station until April 27.

The board moved to cancel their April 20 meeting.

Ambulance Service

The board discussed concerns expressed by Rescue Squad Captain Paul Maynard about the ambulance service provided by Himmer. According to Blois there are delays when the ambulance stationed in Millbury is on a call. When that happens, the back-up ambulance must arrive from Worcester, and getting to certain parts of Sutton takes 25-30 minutes.

Blois said he was under the impression that if the Millbury ambulance was in service, the back-up ambulance would come from Worcester to the Millbury station.

Strieby suggested that Sutton look into revising its service.

The board adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Knights meeting

GRAFTON - The Grafton-Millbury Knights of Columbus, Benedict Council #2379, will hold its monthly meeting April 28 at 7 p.m. at Council Quarters, Ferry Street, South Grafton.

Group for mothers of sexually abused children

WORCESTER - An eight-week group beginning on May 11 is now forming for mothers whose children have been sexually abused. The group will focus on the mothers' recovery from this personal crisis in their lives. A time has not yet been established. The group will meet at Family Service of Central Massachusetts, 31 Harvard Street, Worcester. For more information, contact Janice Lerch, LICSW at 756-4646.

Local resident participates in co-op program

PROVIDENCE, RI - Gabriel Lacouture of Millbury, a Food Service Management major at Johnson & Wales University, is participating in the school's Cooperative Education Program this spring at My Kinda Town, London, England. He is the grandson of Doris M. Lacouture of 26 Carleton Road, Millbury and the son of the late David Lacouture. He is a 1989 graduate of Millbury Memorial High School.

Students are chosen for this program on the basis of classroom performance, cumulative grade average, faculty recommendations and personal interviews. Selected students become salaried staff members in prestigious, university-approved establishments for one trimester. They work 40 hours per week, earn 12 university credits and experience a variety of work assignments with their co-op employers.

Elected to Board of Directors

MILLBURY - Jeffrey Dore of Millbury has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Worcester Chapter of the North American Family Campers Association (NAFCA). The group has local chapters throughout New England with membership of approximately 2,000 families. The group sponsors and plans recreational activities for members with camping equipment ranging from tents to travel trailers to motorhomes.

Dore has enjoyed camping with his family for over 10 years and currently tows a 30 foot travel trailer. Dore said, "The group has made our camping excursions much more fun because of the planned activities and fellowship of group camping."

For membership information, write to NAFCA, 50 Courtland St., Worcester, MA 01602. NAFCA is not affiliated with any camping facility, religious, or ethnic organization.

Parade Contributions Sought

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lions Club is currently making plans for Millbury's 9th annual Independence Day Parade to be held Sunday, June 27, at 1 p.m.

With the community's continued support, this year's event promises to be the best ever. The complete contingent of Shriners will be performing, as well as numerous award-winning bands from the Eastern States who will be making their first appearance in Millbury.

To help defray the cost of this very expensive undertaking, the Lions Club is seeking donations. Any contributions would be gratefully appreciated. The names of all contributors will be printed in the parade day program. To contribute, send your donation to: Millbury Lions Club/Parade, c/o Len Horton, 23 Hemlock Drive, Millbury, MA 01527.

If you or your organization would like to place an entry in the parade, whether it be a float, marching unit, etc., call Len Horton at 865-4898 to obtain a registration form or for further information.

DEADLINE

The DEADLINE for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday of the week prior to publication. The office is closed to the public on Saturdays but announcements may be left in the mailbox at the side entrance or the front door.

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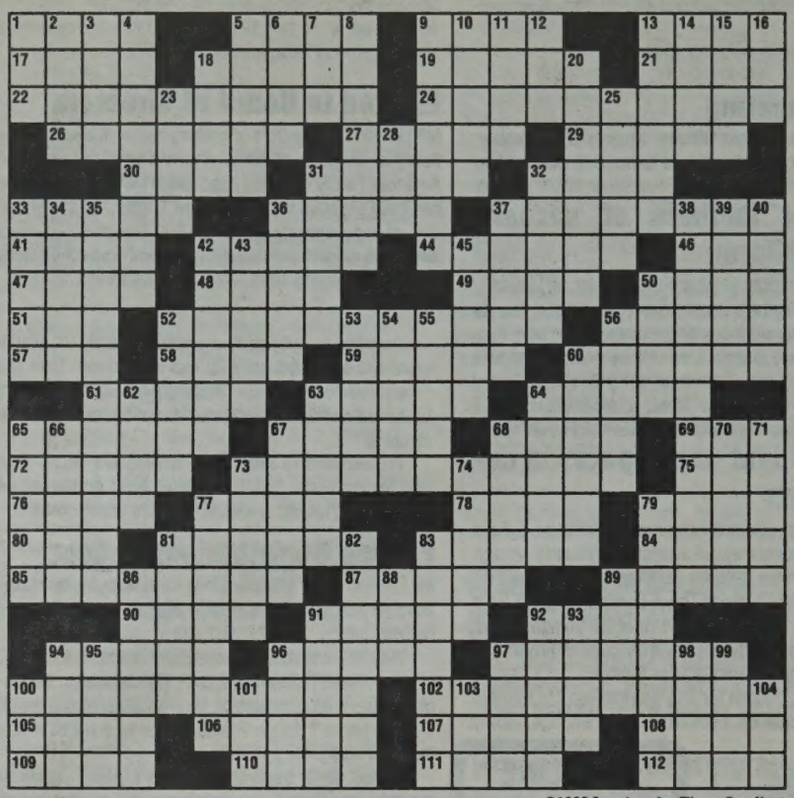

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By Norma Steinberg

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TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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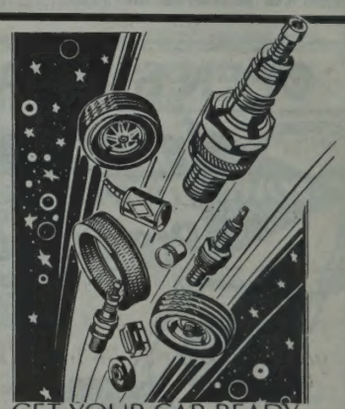
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Sutton Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 41 and the Sutton Planning Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Subdivisions, a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 10, 1993 at 7:45 PM, in the Municipal Center, to review the Definitive Plans of the "Marsh Estates" Subdivision. This proposed 2 lot development is owned by Kenneth M. Linder, plans by Teachout Land Surveyors, dated 3/25/93.

In addition, according to Sutton General Bylaw 16, "Scenic Roads," a consolidated Public Hearing will be held at the same meeting for the removal of a 40" Green Ash Tree and an 34" Northern Ash Tree located on the southeasterly side of West Sutton Road at the entrance to Marsh Road.

The property is bounded northwesterly side of West Sutton Road, on the east and southeast by Singletary Lake, on the west by Ralph Pearson and on the north by various owners.

The plans may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.
Scott Paul
Chairman
April 15, and 22, 1993

Town of Sutton
Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sutton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on April 28, 1993 at 8:00 PM at the Sutton Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review a Request For Determination of Applicability submitted by Steven Murphy. It is his intention to construct a single family residence with well and septic system on Mendon Rd. Grading associated with the septic system to be within the buffer zone of a protected resource area. This notice is publicized in accordance with the provisions of MGL ch. 131, sec. 40.
J. Sheehan, Co-chairman
Thursday, April 22, 1993

Town of Sutton
Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sutton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on April 28, 1993 at 8:10 PM at the Sutton Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review a Request For Determination of Applicability submitted by Barbara N. Swenson. It is her intention to renovate a two story cottage within 100 feet of a protected resource area at 122 1/2 Manchaug Rd. This notice is publicized in accordance with the provisions of MGL ch. 131, sec. 40.
J. Sheehan, Co-chairman
Thursday, April 22, 1993

Town of Sutton
Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sutton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on April 28, 1993 at 8:20 PM at the Sutton Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review a Notice of Intent filed by WB&T Realty Corp. It is their intention to construct a single family dwelling, driveway, well, septic system and appurtenant site grading within the buffer zone on Lot 17 Wainwright Dr. This notice is publicized in accordance with the provisions of MGL ch. 131, sec. 40.
J. Sheehan, Co-chairman
Thursday, April 22, 1993

Town of Sutton
Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sutton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on April 28, 1993 at 8:40 PM at the Sutton Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review a Notice of Intent filed by Joseph Hogan. It is his intention to construct a single family residence with well and septic system on lot 1 Century Farm Rd. Septic system and driveway will be constructed in the buffer zone. This notice is publicized in accordance with the provision of MGL ch. 131, sec. 40.
J. Sheehan, Co-chairman
Thursday, April 22, 1993

Town of Millbury
Board of Selectmen
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA to act upon the application of Jen Manufacturing Company for a license to store 550 gallons of solvent above ground at their facility located at #3 Latti Farm Road, Millbury, MA in accordance with the provisions of Mass. General Law, Chapter 148.
Board of Selectmen
Town of Millbury
April 22, 1993

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the town charter, and he suggested adding another parent.

Spence said he didn't think the charter applied to the School Committee on this issue. He also asked how the screening committee was going to come to a recommendation by only reading the application information and not conducting interviews? "That's a new one to me," he said.

Roach said it was assumed by the screening committee that the final candidates would be interviewed by the superintendent.

In response to question to Roach, Kourey was told there are no administrators on the screening committee. Kourey again said there should be another person on the screening committee to make the number an odd one.

Roach said having eight committee members would only be a problem if there was a tie vote.

Kourey made a motion to add another member but received no second.

School Facilities Use

Kourey asked that the School Committee consider placing an item on the next agenda to discuss the School Committee's policy for the use of school facilities by groups. "If we are not going to abide by it (the Facilities Use Policy), then it should be thrown out," he said. "We have a policy set up by us and it has been completely ignored. It's a nine page document. It's totally useless, in my opinion. We need to look at it and review it. If it's not any good, then throw it out."

The Committee voted 3-2 with Kourey and Fox voting for a review of the Policy and Horne, Snyder and Roach voting against a review.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Following the discussion and at the conclusion of the meeting, Kourey, when questioned, said he thought the vote to review the policy was "political." "It should be reviewed or thrown out," he repeated.

Horne said it was her opinion that a vote had already been taken to give the summer camp applicants the dates they requested, and said reviewing it would serve no purpose.

Roach and Snyder said the policy allows the School Committee some discretion in how they apply the policy and give out permits to private enterprise groups. Roach said there may have been a question regarding the cut-off date for applications, but, she said, the Committee had the discretion to vote the way it did.

Preschools observe Week of Young Child'

MILLBURY - The preschools at Elmwood Street School, Millbury High School, and the Federated Church Nursery School will be observing "Week of the Young Child" in their centers on April 26. Posters will be on display in local businesses throughout Millbury. A "friendship quilt" made by the youngsters will be on display in the children's room in the Millbury Public Library.

This "Week" is an annul celebration sponsored nationally by the National Association for Education of The Young Children (NAEYC). This year's theme, "Young Children: Their Future in Our Hands," is a reminder that early childhood lays the foundation for all later learning and shapes whether children succeed in school and later life.

According to a press release put out by the schools, "The Week of the Young Child is a time to reflect on how well children's experiences in Millbury's preschools are preparing them to take full advantage of their educational opportunities and to become effective citizens, capable workers, and loving parents of the next generation. It is also a time for us to develop specific strategies in order to improve the quality of life for the young children in our community."

For further information on "Week" events in Millbury, contact Early Childhood Coordinator Dianne Paluses at the Elmwood Street School, 865-5241.

College Fair

MILLBURY - The Millbury High School Guidance Department will hold a College Fair in the High School Gym on Friday, April 30. More than 75 colleges and post secondary institutions throughout New England will be in attendance, as well as recruiters from the Military and R.O.T.C. This is an excellent opportunity for students to meet personally with admissions representatives to discuss programs available, admissions requirements and financial aid. Parents are invited to attend any time between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Contact Raymond Gemme at the high school guidance office for further information.

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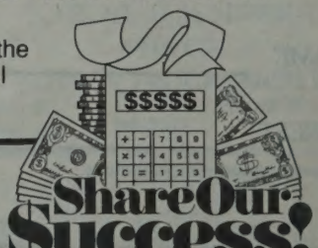

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